

Iron County Register

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IRONTON, MISSOURI

Cocked hats may become as numerous as the fuzzy ones.

Where there's a will there is generally a way to try to break it.

Few Manchus resign, but recent reports indicate that a good many of them die.

The common towel is to be abolished. Little by little mankind is becoming sanitary.

Let us hope the Wright brothers have really invented a fool proof air ship. It is greatly needed.

Music is to be established in the barnyard, for it makes cows give more milk and hens lay more eggs.

The Wilkesbarre man who was a millionaire for a day had to go away from home to act well his part.

One does not know whether to condemn or praise the Paris opera strikers. It all depends on the opera.

They find gold in chickens' crops in Manitoba, thus offering another opportunity for somebody to boost the price of eggs.

A Montana court has decided that one Chinaman constitutes a laundry. But what if he were in the chop suey business?

According to one professor the earth will cease its revolutions in 5231. If you don't believe it figure it out to suit yourself.

Telephone connection between England and the continent is maintained by six cables, and the number will soon be doubled.

Brides are wanted in western Washington state. Here is where the supply of leap year can connect nicely with the demand.

The nursery and seed men convey a reassurance that spring is coming by sending out a bunch of finely illustrated catalogues.

Everybody will be as well satisfied if the weather man, for a little while at least, refrains from giving us any more mean temperature.

A Kansas City court refuses to grant a man a divorce from his mail-order wife. Then why doesn't he send to Reno for a mail-order divorce?

One girl married a baseball player because he made so many home runs. All players who make home runs do not at once run home, however.

The girls of a high school in Pennsylvania are widely praised because that hair device known as the "rat" has been prohibited among them.

If reports of robins seen during the zero weather were not mistakes on the part of the observers, they were mistakes on the part of the robins.

A Minnesota professor says "race suicide is a peril to posterity." We could hardly expect it to give our ancestors whooping cough and measles.

English girls must promise to obey in order to make the wedding ceremony binding, but the breaking of the promise does not invalidate anything.

Few men would have been reckless enough, a hundred years ago, to make the prediction that an American hen would ever win the world's egg championship.

One large railroad has ordered that its pencil sharpeners be discarded. We accept this as another indication that the world is growing better.

Princess Pat succeeded in slipping into New York unnoticed. Some of the ladies who employ press agents will wonder why she should have wished to do so.

The ex-autocrats get off with fat purses. Abdul Hamid got his 800 wives, Manuel his \$25,000 a year, and the infant Emperor Pu-Yi is to have \$6,500,000 annually.

"Gee whiz! I'm glad I'm free!" exclaimed a woman when she had secured a divorce in New York the other day. The man was probably too happy to be able to say anything.

But why should the French or any other astronomers feel "worried" over what may be happening to Saturn's rings? So far as this earth is concerned, Saturn never has been anything but distant and unobscured.

The millionaire for a day in Wilkesbarre, Pa., got a great deal of advertising for his money, and he may decide to go on the vaudeville stage.

Saturn is having trouble with its rings, but as they are not wedding rings the people who follow divorce scandals need not prick up their ears.

The National Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers reports that we consumed \$200,000,000 worth of that delicacy last year. The young swains are quite prepared to believe it.

Minstrels with their poor jokes cured a young woman who was suffering from protracted hiccoughs. But the trouble is that not all persons who go to minstrel shows are afflicted with hiccoughs.

Scrubbing and laundering are to be taught to the girls in a Chicago high school. About the time that this course becomes popular with girls in their teens the boys will be flocking into the classes on digging ditches and breaking stones.

COL. ROOSEVELT ACCEPTS CALL OF GOVERNORS

DECLARES HE WILL ACCEPT THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION IF TENDERED HIM.

BRIEF BUT DEFINITE: PRIMARIES ARE URGED

Avers Interests of People, Not Ambition, Prompts Move—Hopes Voters Will Get Chance Through Direct Primaries to Influence Republican Choice—Letter of Seven State Executives Brought Announcement.

New York.—"I will accept the nomination for president if tendered, and I will adhere to this decision until the convention has expressed its preference," is Col. Theodore Roosevelt's reply to the deputation of seven governors asking him to stand for nomination.

The eagerly awaited reply was given out at Col. Roosevelt's offices here during his absence on a trip to Boston.

Col. Roosevelt's Letter.

It was unexpectedly brief, but definite. It follows:

"New York.—Gentlemen: I deeply appreciate your letter and I realize to the full the heavy responsibility it puts upon me, expressing as it does the carefully considered convictions of the men elected by popular vote to stand as the heads of government in their several states.

"I absolutely agree with you that this matter is not one to be decided with any reference to the personal preferences or interests of any man, but purely from the standpoint of the interests of the people as a whole.

"I will accept the nomination for president if it is tendered to me, and I will adhere to this decision until the convention has expressed its preference. One of the chief principles for which I have stood and for which I have endeavored and always shall endeavor to reduce to action is the genuine rule of the people; and, therefore, I hope that so far as possible the people may be given the chance, through direct primaries, to express their preference as to who shall be the nominee of the Republican National Convention.

Very truly yours,

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

The letter is addressed to Govs. Hadley, Missouri; Glasscock, West Virginia; Aldrich, Nebraska; Bass, New Hampshire; Carey, Wyoming; Osborn, Michigan; and Stubbs, Kansas.

The governors assembled at Chicago two weeks ago and drafted a letter to Col. Roosevelt, asserting there was a popular demand for him to the president again, and urging him to declare himself as to whether he would accept the Republican nomination if it came unlooked and unsought.

For two weeks Col. Roosevelt considered the letter, indicating that he had no intention of making a hasty reply.

Head of Farmer Cut Off.

Gallipolis, O.—One of the most brutal crimes on record in this section was discovered when neighbors went to the home of Peter Serrier, a wealthy farmer. He had been murdered. His head was entirely severed from the body and was found 20 feet from the torso.

Woman Shopkeeper Murdered.

Toledo, O.—Miss Helen Madge, an aged shopkeeper, was killed here when robbers entered her shop, tore a money belt from her body, bound her to a chair and ransacked the little shop for the fortune the woman was supposed to be guarding in the place.

Sentenced for Laughing.

Chicago.—Frank Farrar was sentenced by Municipal Judge Caverly not to attend a theater for a year. The show he saw was so funny that he laughed so hard the manager had him arrested.

Four Hurt in Head-On Wreck.

Baltimore, Md.—Four trainmen were badly injured and two engines were wrecked in a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington railroad.

Lord Engaged to Wed Actress.

London.—The engagement is announced of Lord Victor C. William Paget, brother and heir presumptive to the Marquis of Anglesea, to Olive May, Gayety theater actress.

French Challenge for Aero Cup.

New York.—A challenge from the Aero Club of France for the international cup won for America by C. T. Weyman in England last year, was received by the Aero Club of America by cable.

Throat Cut to Rescue Teeth.

Wichita, Kas.—It was necessary to cut Mrs. Alice Miller's throat to remove her false teeth which had lodged there after a tooth caught in food she was chewing. Three teeth were on the plate.

Wife Slayer Apprehended.

Oakland, Cal.—A man the police of Oakland are convinced is Samuel Miller, who is under sentence of death for the murder of his wife in Memphis, and who has eluded the police for nine years, is under arrest here.

First Break in Strike.

Green River, Wyo.—The first break among the Union Pacific strikers here occurred when fifteen striking car men, machinists and boiler makers applied for reinstatement in the shops. They were put to work.

ALLEE SAME LIKE UNCLE SLAM



TO PROBE SMELTER TRUST

BERGER WANTS CHARGES OF NEWSPAPER INVESTIGATED.

Socialist Charges Plot to Turn Refinery Over to Smelter Combine and Close Mints.

Washington, D. C.—Representative Victor L. Berger of Wisconsin introduced a resolution directing the house committee on expenditures in the treasury department to investigate charges made in a San Francisco newspaper that the smelter trust has been illegally given authority to refine gold and silver bullion for the United States.

The resolution reads:

"Whereas, Charges have been made through a reputable daily newspaper of general circulation of San Francisco, Cal., that a conspiracy exists among the officials of the treasury department to close the refining branches of the United States mint, and to turn over to the smelter trust the business of refining gold and silver bullion intended for coinage; and, whereas, These charges have been formulated by an expert assayer who was for eleven years a trusted employee of the San Francisco mint, and who has voluntarily left the government service in order to make these known; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the committee on expenditures in the treasury be instructed to investigate these charges and report to the house at the earliest practicable date."

AGREES ON MONEY INQUIRY

House Leaders Compromise Satisfactorily and "Trust" Investigation Comes Up Today.

Washington, D. C.—Democrats of the house have compromised on the "money trust" investigation, the question which has agitated the party for so many weeks, and which comes up today for final determination.

Representatives of both sides expressed satisfaction, however, over a redraft of the resolution introduced by Representative Pulo, chairman of the banking and currency committee, to which will be referred the major portion of the investigation. It was adopted by Democratic members of the rules committee.

OKLAHOMA SPLIT DELEGATES

Ten Votes Each to Clark and Wilson at Baltimore Convention—Galbreath Is Committeeman.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Senator Thomas P. Gore heads the list of ten Oklahoma delegates named at the Democratic national convention to attend the national convention at Baltimore.

The agreement made to elect ten delegates pledged to Wilson and ten instructed for Clark was carried out without a hitch.

Kentuckian, 124, Is Found dDead.

Columbia, Ky.—Johnny Morg, 124 years old, said to be the oldest man in America, was found dead in his hut near here. He was a veteran of the war of 1812.

Cat Survives Thirty Shots.

Laurel, Ind.—A mad cat was the quarry in a cross-country chase of a posse armed with guns, lassos and pitchforks. Thirty shots failed to kill the animal, which finally drowned in the river.

Five Hundred Children Flee Fire.

Conway, Ark.—Five hundred and fifty school children marched without disorder or panic through dense clouds of smoke to safety when the new public school building was discovered to be on fire.

Oppression Is Charged.

Washington.—The Postal Telegraph company filed suit against the Western Union with the interstate commerce commission, accusing the Western Union of using oppressive competitive methods.

Poses as Man to Join Navy.

Louisville, Ky.—In the hope of joining the sweetheart who is in the marine corps stationed in Pekin, China, a young woman, clad in male attire, applied at the marine recruiting office here for enlistment.

Sullivan Resorts to Court.

Peoria, Ill.—Suit demanding \$25,000 directed at the Chicago Examiner and the Chicago American, alleging libel, was filed by Attorney Frank J. Quinn of this city, representing Roger C. Sullivan of Chicago.

BRANDT GETS A NEW TRIAL

JUSTICE GERARD VOIDS SENTENCE OF SCHIFF VALET.

New York Supreme Court Holds That Proceedings Before Judge Rosalsky Were Illegal.

New York.—Justice Gerard sustained the writ of habeas corpus issued in the case of Folke E. Brandt and ordered that Brandt be remanded to the Tombs.

The granting of the writ sets aside the plea of guilty and leaves Brandt under the two original indictments, one charging burglary into the first degree and the other charging assault. His counsel will enter a demurrer to the indictments, and it is believed that the main charge, that of burglary in the first degree, will be quashed. The charge of assault will also probably be dismissed, or if he pleads guilty he will receive a sentence of not more than the time he has already served, and will be freed at once. Meanwhile the grand jury is continuing the hearing into the charge that his long sentence was brought about by a conspiracy.

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MINE WORKERS NAME WALKER

Another Election Will Be Held to Select Successor to Philip Davis, Deceased, of District No. 9.

Springfield, Ill.—The result of the referendum election of officers of the Illinois Mine Workers was announced at the convention as follows: President, John H. Walker, Danville; vice-president, Paul J. Smith, Marion; secretary-treasurer, Duncan McDonald, Springfield.

Officers declared elected are:

State executive board members: District 1, Robert Osborn, Coal City; District 2, Patrick Carr, Ladd; District 3, James Lord, Farmington; District 4, Bernard Murphy, Pana; District 5, Dan Clark, Springfield; District 6, Frank Heffley, Collinsville; District 7, John Wichter, Belleville; District 8, Philip Davis, Dugouin; District 9, Charles McClintock, Cambria.

Philip Davis has died since the vote was cast and another election will be held to elect a successor. Auditors: William Hall, Springfield; Dan McDonald, Spring Valley; Evan Owens, Belleville, Ill.

HOUSE REVISES TARIFF LAW

Underwood Bill, Revising Chemical Schedule of Payne-Aldrich Measure Is Adopted.

Washington, D. C.—By a vote of 178 to 127, the house passed the Underwood bill, revising the chemical schedule of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law.

The vote was along strictly party lines, Republican Progressives opposing the measure as "revision upward." One Republican, Hanna of North Dakota, voted with the Democrats. The bill was framed to raise the rates of luxuries, such as toilet soaps and perfumes, and to reduce the rates on medicines and other necessities.

Dupont Election Questioned.

Washington.—An investigation may be made by the senate into the methods employed in the election of Henry A. Dupont, Republican senator from Delaware. The inquiry will be based on charges preferred against Cornelius P. Swain, recently appointed marshal for Delaware, on the recommendation of Senator Dupont.

Taft Gets Press Agent.

Washington.—LeRoy T. Vernon, Washington correspondent for the Chicago Daily News, was appointed chief of the publicity bureau of Taft headquarters. His paper has given him a four months' leave of absence.

Prohibition Convention April 19.

Springfield, Ill.—A call for a state convention of prohibitionists, to be held in Springfield on April 19, was issued by Robert H. Patton, chairman of the Illinois Prohibition state central committee.

American Arrested as Spy.

Berlin.—An American tourist fell a victim to German espionage craze and for several hours was kept a prisoner in the fortress of Spandau, several miles from this city. His name was not revealed.

Held for Cremating Wife.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Wenzel Runge, 48 years old, husband of Mrs. Anna Runge, aged 45, who burned to death in her home on February 12, was arrested by deputy sheriffs as the result of a two weeks' investigation.

SCORES TRAPPED IN FIRE-SWEPT MINE

SIX MEN TAKEN ALIVE FROM BURNING PIT NEAR LEHIGH, OKLAHOMA.

SEVEN KNOWN TO BE DEAD

Hundred Walk or Are Carried From Colliery When Blaze Starts—Young Mexican Lad Saves Fifty Miners.

Lehigh, Okla.—Seven miners are known to be dead, six have been rescued alive from a furnace of flames and the fate of a score of more imprisoned in mine No. 5 of the Wichita Coal and Mining company, one mile east of Lehigh, is unknown.

Six of the men brought out were thought to be dead, but were revived when the reached fresh air. The number of those who are estimated variously by different officials of the company at from fifteen to thirty-five.

When the fire started the word was spread through the mine of the disaster, and more than 100 miners either walked out or were carried out by rescuers, overcome by smoke. A large number unconscious from suffocation were revived after reaching the fresh air.

A young Mexican boy, whose name is not known, saved probably fifty lives, and a miner, Chester Caldwell, probably a score, by their heroism in the rescue work.

For several hours after the fire started there was hope that the men in the mine were still safe, but after the government rescue party arrived and started removing the bodies hope died out, and now none of the relatives of those on the outside expect to see them brought out alive.

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GOV. DIX SUSPENDS INQUIRY

Will Await Decision as to Legality of Brandt Habeas Corpus Writ Granted.

Rhineland, Wisconsin.—Angered by the presentation of a rentings before him in the case of Folke E. Brandt, former valet of Mortimer L. Schiff, until the legality of the writ of habeas corpus granted by Justice Gerard is decided by the court of appeals.

WOUNDS BABY WITH HATCHET

Man Throws at Landlord's Son, Strikes Own Child and Inflicts a Fatal Gash.

Albany, N. Y.—Governor Dix ordered the suspension of all proceedings by the son of his landlord, H. F. Smith of this city threw a hatchet at the boy, but missed him and hit Smith's 8-months-old child, held in its mother's arms. The blade inflicted a cut five inches long in the baby's head and the child is near death.

Smith was arrested and is almost crazed with grief.

Boy Born on a Train.

Denver, Colo.—Mrs. C. V. Peters gave birth to a son on a Union Pacific train near here. Dr. L. N. Smith of Big Springs, Neb., a passenger, attended her.

Chinese Wins Prize for Oratory.

South Bethlehem, Pa.—Chinim Chu Fuh of Nan Seing Kiang Su won first prize in the Junior oratorical contest at Lehigh university. His subject was the present revolutions in China.

Haines Fired From Union League.

Chicago.—Edward Haines, lumberman, who was quoted as saying he had "put Lorimer over," was expelled from the Union League club after the most exciting fight in the history of the organization.

Joe Ketchel Dies.

Waukegan, Ill.—Joe Ketchel, the pugilist who dropped unconscious at the end of a five-round bout with Bill Walters, a navy pugilist, at the naval training station here, died in the station hospital.

Wilson Fears an Uprising.

Mexico City.—Owing to the dangerous anti-foreign feeling pervading Mexico, United States Ambassador Wilson is preparing to send his family to the United States. They will probably leave this week.

Killa Man Over Daughter.

Hot Springs, Ark.—Max Freeman was shot and killed by George Compton, a deputy sheriff and postmaster of Peary, Garland county. Freeman had been arrested for enticing Compton's daughter.

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

Adopted at Joplin, Mo.

The Democracy of Missouri, by its representatives in convention assembled, greets the Democracy of the United States.

The spirit manifested in this convention is a splendid augury of victory for our party.

The history of the Republican party is a tale of broken promises, violated faith and betrayal of trust.

It destroyed popular government in the house of representatives by a system of rules which vested arbitrary power in the speaker. This power employed in the service of the great special interests.

It inaugurated a system of wasteful extravagance unparalleled in history. It created a tariff law which imposes a tax upon the necessities of life for the benefit of favored institutions. It allowed the agents of those interests to dictate the very terms of the statute under which they plundered the people.

It not only permitted the establishment of monopoly, but gave executive sanction to the destruction by the great trust on earth of its last potential rival. It promised in advance legal immunity to those who had consummated the criminal conspiracy.

It is responsible for the existence of that vast system of combination which oppresses the people, taxes their energies, limits their opportunities, and which, at the same time, has raised the prices of living to a point where the cost of the very necessities of life is almost beyond the reach of the great industrial classes.

The Republican party came before the people at the last national election apologizing for its errors, and promising to reform its own iniquities. It especially promised a reduction of the tariff taxation in violation of the pledge it enacted the Payne-Aldrich inquiry.

Declaring the most important schedule of this bill to be utterly indefensible, the president, nevertheless, signed the measure and gave it the force of law.

In this, as in other matters, the Republican party utterly failed to fulfill its promises, or keep faith with the people.

The Democratic party, under the splendid leadership of Champ Clark, overthrew "Cannibalism," and restored the representative government of the popular branch of congress.

This great victory, won under Clark's guidance, challenged the attention of the country to existing abuses, and so aroused the American people that in the election of 1910 the Democrats gained control of the house of representatives and reduced the Republican majority in the senate from 17 to 1.

A bill was passed reducing the tariff tax upon woolen goods, thus abrogating the injustices of schedule K, which President Taft had admitted to be indefensible. It reduced taxes on raw cotton, chemicals and other prime necessities of life also were passed, and, in very substantial form, forced through the senate by the aid of the insurgent votes.

In response to the demands of the monopolies and other great protected industries, President Taft vetoed all these measures of reform.

We commend and endorse the splendid work done by the Democrats of the house and senate.

We particularly express our admiration for the leadership of Speaker Clark.

Commendation is due and is hereby given to our United States senators and to our representatives in congress for their faithful, courageous and conscientious discharge of their duties to all the people of our state.

We congratulate the Democrats of Missouri upon the splendid record and faithful services of our Democratic state officials.

We commend the vigorous and intelligent work being performed by the State Committee and its chairman.

We call upon all Democrats to organize and make victory in the coming election certain.

The interests of our state demand that our great waterways should be improved so that commerce should be restored to our rivers. We insist that these improvements should be so as to protect the rich bottom lands contiguous to those navigable streams from the ravages of destructive floods, and we favor early action by our government looking to the reclamation of millions of acres of swamp and overflowed lands in this country.

We are opposed to any system which brings into competition with honest labor the products manufactured by convicts.

We declare that the people of large cities of our state should be permitted to manage their own affairs without interference or dictation by the federal government.

The doctrine that all governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and that the people are capable of managing and controlling their own affairs, is not only the cardinal principle of this nation, but is being accepted throughout the world.

We congratulate the people of Ireland upon the fact that the struggle for self-government, which they have so valiantly maintained for a century, is about to reach a triumphant consummation.

In presenting to the Democracy of the United States the name of Champ Clark as candidate for President, we challenge attention to the fact that for twenty years he has been a commanding figure in the great battles for all those principles which are the cardinal doctrines of the Democratic faith.

We never have known in his allegiance. His courage never has faltered. He always has been a champion of the rights of the masses.

We therefore, in presenting the name of the great and progressive Democrat Champ Clark, hereby direct and specifically instruct the delegates elected by this convention to the National Democratic Convention, to be held in Baltimore, Md., June 20, 1912, to work and vote for Champ Clark as president, and, usually, to the end that he may be made the nominee of said Democratic National Convention for President of the United States, and the delegates are instructed to use all proper and honorable means to secure his nomination by the National Convention, and to this end we earnestly cordially invite the co-operation of the Democrats of the United States.

Shoot Him on the Spot.

An Oklahoma editor was much interested in a scientific note he encountered in an eastern paper to the effect that if the earth were flattened the sea would be two miles deep all over the world.

The editor reprinted the note with the following comment:

"If any man is caught flattening the earth, shoot him on the spot. There's a whole lot of us in this state who can't swim."

Her Mind Relieved.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "what is a jack pot?"

"Why—er—a jack pot is a general contribution for purposes of charitable donation."

"Oh! Do you know I was afraid it had something to do with the wickedness of politics."

He Told Your Father I Could Not Live Without You.

She—What did he say?